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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3 428 507 A (ERIC BALL) 18 February 1969 (1969-02-18) column 1, lines 25-27 - column 4, lines 42,43; figure 5 -----	1-12
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1. claims: 1-12

A composite lining for a pipe comprising: a structural layer for providing structural integrity; and a containment layer for providing fluid impermeability; wherein, the structural layer comprises at least one strip of lining material arranged to form a substantially continuous lining within said pipe.

2. claims: 13-24

A method of lining a pipe comprising: lining said pipe with a structural layer for providing structural integrity; and lining said pipe with a containment layer for providing fluid impermeability; wherein, lining said pipe with a structural layer comprises arranging said structural layer to form a substantially continuous lining within said pipe.

3. claim: 25

A test structure for testing the fluid impermeability of a tubular containment layer of a composite lining according to any of claims 2 to 11 comprising: a seam along a longitudinal length of said containment layer, the seam comprising at least two substantially parallel seamed regions; and a conduit formed between said seamed regions.

4. claim: 26

A method for testing the fluid impermeability of a tubular containment layer of a composite lining according to any of claims 2 to 11 comprising: providing said containment layer with a seam along a longitudinal length of said containment layer, the seam comprising at least two substantially parallel seamed regions; and a conduit formed between said seamed regions; pressurising said conduit with a fluid; determining if said fluid is leaking from either of said parallel seamed regions.

5. claim: 27

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An apparatus for providing a loosely twisted helical strip of lining material for lining a pipe, the apparatus comprising: a base portion; and coil support means rotatably mounted on said base portion for supporting a coil of said lining material and for allowing a strip of said lining material to be dispensed from said coil; the coil support means being rotatable in a controlled manner relative to said base portion for inducing helical twists in said strip of lining material.

6. claim: 32

An apparatus for helically lining a pipe with a strip of lining material, the apparatus comprising: winding rig comprising helical winding means; said helical winding means being configured for helically winding said strip into a helically wound lining layer for lining an inside surface either of said pipe or of a previously laid lining layer

7. claim: 37

An apparatus for lining a pipe with a tubular containment layer.

8. claim: 39

A welding apparatus.

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